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State Officials to Discuss Role In San Joaquin River Restoration Briefing at 1:00 p.m. Today

WHO: Director Lester Snow, Chief Deputy Director Nancy Saracino

Department of Water Resources Linda Adams, Secretary, Cal/EPA

Ryan Broddrick, Director, Department of Fish and Game

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WHAT: Reporters will be briefed by phone on the State of California's role in

restoration of a 153-mile stretch of the San Joaquin River following today's restoration settlement announcement by the Bureau of Reclamation, Natural

Resources Defense Council and Friant Water Users Authority.

WHEN: 1 p.m. Wednesday, September 13

HOW: CONFERENCE CALL

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Statement of California Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman on the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement:

"As California's Secretary for Resources, I applaud all those who have put aside years of litigation to reach today's historic agreement that will move us toward restoration of the San Joaquin River. This is a significant achievement that will have lasting positive impacts on fisheries and the natural environment while protecting farmers and the Central Valley economy. The State of California, including The Resources Agency, Cal/EPA, and the Departments of Water Resources and Fish and Game, will work hand-in-hand with the Bureau of Reclamation, Friant Water Users Authority and Natural Resources Defense Council so that together, we will make today's agreement, tomorrow's reality. All Californians are the beneficiaries of the environmental, economic, recreational, water management and flood protection benefits our collective efforts will help to create. As a

fourth generation Californian, I personally look forward to the restoration of California's second largest river as a significant milestone in responsible environmental stewardship."

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